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Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to claims 31-38 and 42 because each of those claims depended from a rejected claim. In view of the amendment to claims 21 and 38, this objection should no longer apply.

Double Patenting

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 provisionally under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly claiming the same invention as that of claim 1 of copending application numbers 08/642,406 and 09/200,657. In view of the cancellation of claim 1, this rejection should no longer apply.

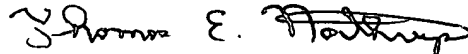
SUMMARY

In view of the amendments to the claims and for the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectively submit that the claims are now in a condition of allowance. An early notification to that effect is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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